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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution

FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations and External
Analytical Support, NFAC

SUBJECT : Request for IC/FAR Research Project Information
for 2nd Quarter FY 1979

1. For your information and guidance I am attaching the memorandum from the State Department, requesting compliance with Foreign Affairs Research reporting requirements. In order that we may meet the 11 May deadline, please have your returns to us by 16 April 1979.

2. Attached also are copies of the pertinent forms. The Smithsonian Science Information Exchange (SSIE) form can be used to report unclassified projects. The Foreign Affairs Research Summary form is required for reporting classified projects. If you have any questions, please contact

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Attachments:
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Agency Representatives for Interagency Coordination
of External Foreign Affairs Research - CIA -

SUBJECT: Request for IC/FAR Research Project Information for
2nd Quarter FY 1979

To comply with section VI. B. of the Policies and Procedures for Department of State Review and Coordination of Government-Sponsored Research on Foreign Affairs dated January 16, 1978, please have the attached IC/FAR Project Information sheet completed and returned to this office by May 11, 1979.

Attached is a copy of the "Working Definition" of Foreign Affairs Research to assist you in determining which of your agency's projects should be reported. Also attached are samples of the forms to be used in submitting project information.

If you have any questions, I can be reached on (703) 235-8079.

Barbara W. Morlet

(Mrs.) Barbara W. Morlet
Deputy Director for
Research Services
Office of External Research

Attachments:

1. IC/FAR Research Project
Information, 2nd Quarter FY 1979
2. Working Definition of Foreign
Affairs Research
3. SSIE Notice of Research Project
4. Foreign Affairs Research Summary

FOREIGN AFFAIRS RESEARCH

Working Definition

Subject Matter

Foreign and domestic affairs are increasingly difficult to sort out, both in the United States and in other countries. Actions and attributes of the United States, governmental and private, shape both foreign and domestic affairs. For these reasons, a broad rather than narrow definition of foreign affairs research is required if knowledge and analyses adequate to current and emergent realities are to be developed.

Therefore, a foreign affairs research program, project or activity is one that focuses, in part or entirely, on recent, contemporary, or future:

- Attributes, ideas or behavior of non-U.S. individuals, groups, societies, or nations. This includes not only studies of discrete foreign areas or peoples but also multinational studies and cross-national comparative studies. It also includes more distant historical studies that draw parallels with or lessons applicable to the contemporary scene.
- Relations between and among nations or relations between and among individuals or groups located in different nations.
- Ways in which U.S. individuals, groups, ideas, attributes or activities bear on the position or behavior of the United States in international affairs.

Research Approaches and Methods

As in other categories of human and social affairs, knowledge about foreign affairs neither fits neatly into disciplinary categories nor emerges exclusively from a limited number of specifiable approaches, methods, techniques, et cetera.

- Generally, foreign affairs research uses the approaches and methods of one or more of the basic or applied social, behavioral, or policy sciences. But, alternatively or in addition, it may also use the approaches and methods of one or more of the humanities. It should be specially stressed that these approaches and methods can be applied to the foreign affairs aspects, uses, or implications of the physical and life sciences and of technologies (weapons, energy, industrial, agricultural, medical, etc.); studies of this nature are an increasingly important part of foreign affairs research.
- As in many other fields, foreign affairs research can be categorized as pure, exploratory, basic, applied, developmental, evaluative, policy, etc. All such categories should be included when foreign affairs is the subject matter.



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NOTICE OF RESEARCH PROJECT

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION/OFFICE: *

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION NUMBER(S):

Contract No:
and/or
Control No:

PROJECT TITLE:

INVESTIGATOR(S):

DEPARTMENT/SPECIALTY, School or Division

PERFORMING ORGANIZATION:

PERIOD FOR THIS NRP:

Name and
Address:
Including
Zip Code.

Start Date:
End Date:
Annual Funding: FY _____ \$ _____
Total Cost:

PROJECT SUMMARY: Be brief-200 word maximum: (Include Objective, Approach,
Current Plans and/or Progress,
Countries/Regions involved)

ACTION OFFICER:
TELEPHONE: Area Code: No.

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